

METHOD AND DEVICE FOR INTERFACING A DRIVER INFORMATION SYSTEM USING A VOICE PORTAL SERVER

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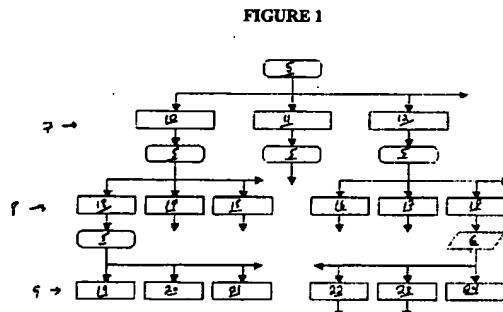
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[57] Abstract:

System for interfacing a device onboard a vehicle and a voice portal server external to the vehicle including a voice communicator and a data communicator situated in the vehicle. The onboard device communicates electronically with the voice communicator and/or the data communicator which in turn are able to communicate wirelessly with a base station. The base station communicates electronically with the voice portal server. A method of providing information to an occupant of a vehicle includes providing a voice communicator, a data communicator, an onboard device, a base station, and a voice portal server. The voice portal server communicates electronically with the base station, the base station communicates wirelessly with the voice communicator and/or the data communicator, and the onboard device communicates electronically with the voice communicator and/or the data communicator. The occupant communicates a request for information via the voice communicator and via the base station to the voice portal server. The voice portal server communicates an information match via the base station and via the data communicator and/or the voice communicator. A vehicle navigation apparatus including a voice communicator, a data communicator, and an onboard device situated in a vehicle. The onboard device is electrically coupled to the voice communicator and the data communicator and communicates wirelessly with a base station which electronically communicates with a voice portal server to provide information to the occupant of the vehicle.



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